

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council Critical Incident Committee Meeting

January 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes- DRAFT

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the meeting was conducted by Zoom rather than in person. Copies of the agenda and presentation were emailed in advance to the Partnership Council members and other interested persons who receive advance notification of Partnership Council meetings.

Committee Members Present

Chairperson Libby Mueller

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Supervisor Patti Logsdon.

Notice of Meeting

The notice of the meeting was published on the DCF and DOA websites on January 13, 2021 and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on January 15, 2021. Second, the notice was faxed to the newspaper of record for the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Journal, on January 19, 2021. The notice was emailed to the Partnership Council stakeholders including any media who had requested such notice on December 18, 2020. Finally, the agenda was posted on the front door of the DMCPs building at 635 N. 26th St. on January 13, 2021. This satisfies the requirements for notice under Wis. Stat. 19.84(1)(b).

Because the meeting was conducted by Zoom, the notice included information about how members of the public could connect to the Zoom meeting and how to locate the agenda and other meeting materials posted on the DCF website.

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairperson Ms. Libby Mueller welcomed people to the meeting. Also appointed to the committee are Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. and Supervisor Patti Logsdon.

There were approximately 14-21 community members in attendance. It should be noted that Bri Perez appeared for a portion of the meeting as a representative for Supervisor Sequanna Taylor.

Ms. Mueller provided information regarding public notice of the meeting to the committee.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Libby Mueller introduced the meeting notes from the November 23, 2020 meeting for approval. Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. moved for their approval. Supervisor Pattie Logsdon seconded the motion. The minutes from the November 23, 2020 meeting were finalized.

Department of Children and Families System Change Review Process, Lexi Matter, Child Welfare Program Initiatives Supervisor, Bureau of Safety and Well-Being (BSWB)

Lexi Matter provided a presentation to the committee regarding additional information on the DCF System Changes Review Process. Presentation materials have been posted to the [MCWPC website](#).

Committee Member Remark, Feedback, and Questions

- Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. asked for clarification about different critical incident types not included in Lexi's slide. He also requested an updated presentation when the final scoring has occurred with additional discussion with the Critical Incident Committee
- Information about the four critical incident types and qualification reasons will be added to the presentation that is distributed to the committee.
- It was determined that BSWB will come back to present when their data is finalized.
- Libby Mueller asked about when the data presented would be finalized.
- Lexi Matter advised that BSWB is actively working on finalizing their data. She advised that their team is currently onboarding two members. She advised that they have a draft done and that the reports should be finalized in the next 4-6 weeks. Lexi advised that they should have finalized data if the committee decides to meet in the middle of the next quarter.
- Libby Mueller advised that she would like to know specifics about changes that could be made and what can be done at the Critical Incident Committee level. She advised that in the past have they talked about specific critical incidents. She asked how as a committee, instead of talking about what went wrong how can they talk about making changes for the future. She also thought the committee needed to consider ways they could help improve practice going forward.
- Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. indicated that the committee needs to have further informational meetings to see how they will look at critical incidences for Milwaukee. He indicated that in the past, the committee has come up with recommendations after reviewing cases. He reported that he did not recall if there was any follow up after the committee offered recommendations. He reported that as a committee and council, they want to do what they can to make the child welfare system work in better ways. He advised that as a committee they have not yet had any cases brought to them.
- Supervisor Pattie Logsdon requested to receive the PowerPoint presentation. She advised that here is so much emphasis on the work BSWB is doing but that she is worried about the education to the people involved with the critical incidents. Supervisor Logsdon indicated that she does not know if all the paperwork required is going to solve the problem or get to the issue of what is happening when the incident occurs.
- Libby Mueller offered to meet with Supervisor Logsdon to explain and discuss the child welfare system.
 - Alison McMorrow and Susanna Leggio offer of support to Libby Mueller in conversations with Pattie Logsdon regarding Child Welfare
- Libby Mueller advised that at the meeting next quarter she would like to expand the discussion to talk about specific findings and then decide where the committee wants to go from there.
- Supervisor Pattie Logsdon commented that she would like to have a better understanding of child welfare.

- Sarah Henery provided that DMCPs is planning to provide some orientation to Child Welfare for new Partnership Council members. She advised that no time has been set and a plan is still being developed for this to occur. She advised that there will be an emphasis on explaining the Initial Assessment piece of child welfare.
- Lexi Matter advised that the day's presentation just covered Milwaukee data. She advised that over the course of 2020 BSWB has collected aggregate data from the balance of the state and Milwaukee. BSWB has presented to Quality Improvement groups about other concurrent process going on regarding system level improvement. Lexi advised that they tried to replicate that information for the Critical Incident Committee in the presentation they provided.

Adjourn

Libby Mueller asked if there was a motion to adjourn the committee meeting. Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pattie Logsdon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.